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NEWS NOTES

Command survey seeks feedback

Responses for the online, anonymous Command Climate Survey will be accepted from May 30 to June 23.

The survey is designed to measure attitudes on a variety of topics affecting mission accomplishment. Feedback gathered from the survey will be used to help shape future decisions.

This survey is a cooperative effort between the U.S. Army Communications Electronics Life Cycle Management Command and Equal Employment Opportunity offices.

AUSA hosts luncheon in May

The Tobyhanna Army Depot Chapter of the Association of the United States Army is having a general membership luncheon May 25.

Brig. Gen. Michael J. Terry, commander of the 13th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary), Fort Hood, Texas, will be the keynote speaker. His subject will be Army Transformation.

The luncheon will be held 11:30 a.m. at The Landing.

Tickets are \$10 and must be purchased by Friday. Interested civilians should call their director.

Personnel may also call Rose Gesell, X58193, or Mary Noldy, X57880. Military members can call Alecia Sebring, X57069.

The buffet lunch features country fried steak, stuffed chicken breast, salad, bread, pasta Bolognese, scalloped potatoes, string beans, chocolate chip cookies, coffee, tea and soda.

Summer fling has Western theme

The Tobyhanna AUSA chapter is hosting a Summer Fling June 9 at The Landing. The event features a Western theme and starts at 4 p.m.

The Creek Dawg band will provide music. There will be a Big Buck round up, Texas Hold 'em games, a military appreciation photo contest judging and country line dancing. Food and beverages will be available. AUSA and military members get in free, cost for non-members is \$5.

The Summer Fling is a way for the Tobyhanna AUSA chapter to show their appreciation to all its dedicated members and to the military that serve our country.

For further information, call 570-895-6682.

Tobyhanna takes aim at national recognition for Lean successes

by Anthony Ricchiazzi
Editor

Tobyhanna Army Depot's Lean effort is aiming for national-level recognition.

Tobyhanna Army Depot will receive a Shingo Prize (Lean Manufacturing) Site Visit June 5-6.

Shingo Prize examiners will further evaluate Tobyhanna's application, which is based on the AN/TPS-75 Radar System overhaul process.

Tobyhanna is participating in the Shingo Prize for Public Sector Excellence in Manufacturing category.

The prize recognizes U.S. organizations that have demonstrated outstanding achievements in manufacturing (including maintenance, repair and overhaul) and the supporting business processes leading to outstanding quality, cost, delivery, and business and financial results, said Don Engel, an electronics engineer in the Productivity Improvement and Innovation Directorate. The Shingo prize was expanded to include a Public Sector category in 2005.

The AN/TPS-75 Radar System Overhaul Process was the first Tobyhanna Army Depot system to achieve Lean Model Cell Certification.

Implementation of Lean techniques reduced the repair cycle

time by 39 percent, from 335 days to 204 days. Technicians streamlined and automated test procedures, implemented a radio frequency identification parts tracking database and improved the quality of their work, which resulted in a 36 percent reduction in system maintenance cost, from \$1.75 million to \$1.11 million.

"A team of four examiners will visit Tobyhanna to verify, clarify and amplify Tobyhanna's application based upon the Shingo Prize for Excellence in Manufacturing criteria," Engel said. The examination team will follow a very intense agenda during their two-day visit, he added.

"The team will track the AN/TPS-75 Radar System from initial receipt of material and follow the system through the entire overhaul process to shipping," Engel explained. "During this time they will be briefed on major process improvements by shop personnel."

Individual examiners will also meet with personnel, both mission and non-mission, who support the AN/TPS-75 Radar System process. Productivity Improvement and Innovation Directorate personnel are working with shops to prepare the depot for the site visit.

The AN/TPS-75 Radar System is overhauled in the Air Defense Radar Systems and Components branches of the Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Directorate's Surveillance Systems Division.



Welders keep it all together

Edward Suchecki welds the exterior air conditioner frame for an AN/ASM-147 van being Reset at Tobyhanna. Suchecki is a welder in the Systems Integration and Support Directorate's Industrial Services Division. The rod he is holding is an aluminum welding rod. The frame is also aluminum. Suchecki and his co-workers perform Reset welding repairs on the van's signal entrance box, air conditioner hood, support brackets and other items, all made of aluminum. Other systems they work on include the AN/ASM-146, 189 and 190 vans and shelters, plus several Firefinder radar components and Blue Force Tracking. (Photo by Steve Grzedzinski)

Volunteers donate more than 10,000 hours

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Terrorists use Internet to spread propaganda

by Steven Donald Smith
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON—Terrorist networks are skillfully using the Internet to raise money, recruit and train members, and to spread a message of hatred, defense officials said here May 4.

“The enemy’s message, of course, is a gross distortion of American policy,” Peter Rodman, assistant secretary of defense for policy and international security affairs, told the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. “It is at bottom an incitement to hatred, extremism and terrorism.”

Rodman, along with U.S. defense contractors, presented a briefing to Congress that demonstrated how terrorists have used the Internet for propaganda purposes. The briefing was developed by Defense Department contractors in conjunction with the Marine Corps, in particular the Marine Corps Training and Education Command, he said.

“The briefing draws on over two and a half years of research done by these contractors as they have been

examining Arab media in the context of our operations in Afghanistan and Iraq, as well as the broader war on terrorism,” Rodman said.

The defense analysts employed a method called full cultural context, where they try to capture as much of the nuances in the analysis as possible.

“The monitoring of Arab media, which these particular contractors do, while its immediate purpose is force protection, provides other products of analysis which are shared with other agencies and which seem to be widely appreciated as a useful contribution of the interagency effort of public diplomacy,” Rodman said.

Defense contractors said they were continuously amazed at how terrorists are able to grab multimedia products or images off the Internet and repackage them to fit their own goals and objectives. For instance, terrorists use the Internet to download DVDs, CDs, training manuals, pamphlets, and copies of sermons and speeches, and then distribute them at a local level.

Wherever there’s Internet availability, terrorists can disseminate information to a greater range of people in the oral tradition that they’ve grown up with. Terrorists in Iraq

pass their message over the Internet, via Web sites that constantly go up and down, through songs and stories that appeal to disaffected youths, defense contractors said.

The target audience for terrorist propaganda is youth ages 7 to 25. Defense contractors said they have even seen products that are aimed at ages younger than 7.

Rodman said the terrorist message is also meant to try to convince the Iraqi people and other Arabs that their insurgency is working. “It is not necessarily directed at our forces at all, because our forces know that the claims they’re making are not true,” he said.

The capturing of journalists, murdering of relatives, the bombing of homes and crowded markets are all “methods of intimidation aimed at specific things, and they want to ensure that they get their time in the media,” he said.

He said terrorists in Iraq are losing their audience because of the large numbers of innocent Iraqis killed by their violent acts. “The core of our strategy in this part of the war on terror is precisely to bolster the mainstream Muslims, who are our allies, and the moderates, who are themselves on the frontline of the struggle against the extremists,” he said.

THANKS

Colonel Tracy Ellis, Frank Zardecki, Frank Kaczmarek, James Schrader:

I am writing this letter to inform senior leadership that the performance of Robert Lange, Mike McCloskey, Bradford Lauryk, Edward Fanning, George Uhrin and Robert Nolan has been exemplary.

These gentlemen are now serving in different places throughout Iraq, which is a very difficult working environment, especially during this challenging and hazardous period.

They have been outstanding professionals and outstanding performers in all aspects of their duties. Most have accepted responsibilities beyond their duty assignment, and mentored younger Soldiers and other civilians. The systems they directly work on and applications they provide

are critical to the health and welfare of many Soldiers. The system capabilities are critical to the survival of many Soldiers at all Army echelons from squad level through corps.

In order to support these systems, travel is sometimes necessary throughout Iraq: always a dangerous proposition in these times. All these gentlemen have been in stressful situations and have conducted themselves in a very professional manner.

I extend the strongest possible thank you for allowing these gentlemen to perform and support the war effort in this very important and visible program, which contributes directly to the safety and security of many Soldiers.

Col. Arthur V. Jewett

*Warlock Field Operations Officer
Baghdad, Iraq*

BRAC conference focuses on downsizing, growth

ATLANTA—With the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure process shutting down 25 major installations and radically realigning 24 others over the next six years, the recent BRAC conference focused on growth as well as downsizing, according to a defense official.

“Traditionally when we’ve done these events, they’ve been very much closure-focused,” said Philip W. Grone, deputy undersecretary of defense for installations and environment. But this conference, he added, also features “a very healthy focus on growth.” This is happening because many areas will gain substantial numbers of uniformed and civilian military employees as the Defense Department realigns its global force posture to transform from a Cold War stance to one geared toward 21st century threats.

More than 900 representatives from the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the military services, various state, local and federal

agencies and BRAC-affected communities are here to discuss BRAC 2005’s ramifications. Grone said this conference is taking place earlier in the process than similar meetings in previous BRAC rounds, and that it features an unprecedented level of federal interagency representation.

“There are a number of locations around the country that are going to see some fairly important growth coming out of this round of BRAC for a whole variety of reasons,” he said. “It’s important for those communities to put them in the position where they can help plan for the future, and they have them all here together, giving them access to the federal interagency processes.”

Grone chairs the president’s Economic Adjustment Committee, which coordinates federal interagency and intergovernmental assistance to support the Defense Economic

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VIEWPOINT

My co-workers and friends here at the depot know just how into the movies I am. This is not a review of a movie: it’s my true reaction to it, and I sincerely hope you all read this.

I don’t think any of us can remember 9/11 without feeling pain. What happened that day was something we all hope never happens again. The movie I went to see was United 93.

During the winter, A&E made a version of the story called Flight 93, which was excellent in its own right. I did react to that movie also, but nothing prepared me for my reaction to United 93. It has been controversial from the start. For some, the reaction was “it’s too soon.” Others worried it would be exploitive and unrealistic. NOTHING is further from the truth. It is a tribute to the bravery and suffering those people on that flight experienced. If I had to sum up the experience in my own words, it would be this: *you are on that plane*.

Nobody knows for sure exactly what happened, but this has got to be the closest representation. The film is done documentary style, with hand held cameras. Some of the actual people who went through that day are in the film, such as air traffic controllers. It is done in real time to the historical events, and is over in 90 minutes. There is no “acting,” just realism.

I went through many different emotions: I was terrified,

I was devastated, I was shaking, and yes, crying when it was over. I sat in the theatre until the credits were done because I could not move. I finally walked to my car, where I sat for another five minutes until I stopped shaking and was able to drive. I have not stopped thinking about it since.

Why, then, would you want to see it? To remember. We have to remember what those people went through to honor them, and for ourselves to realize our lives are not as bad as we think.

From now on when I am having a bad day here at work or in my personal life, I need to remember this movie. We all have our problems and demons to live with. This movie puts things in perspective like no other I have seen. It just tells the story in a straight forward, honest and realistic way. The director, Paul Greengrass, had the help of the victim’s families. I went the opening weekend because Universal pledged 10 percent of the box office profits to the United 93 Fund.

If you plan to see it, react to what you are feeling. Try not to be self conscious or ashamed: man or woman. It’s the best way to get through it. It’s humane – something the terrorists were not and could not be. That is what sets us apart from them.

*Chris Webster
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Information Management Directorate*

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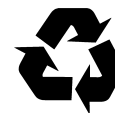
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Volunteers give gift of time

by **Jacqueline Boucher**
Assistant Editor

It's been 23 years since Tobyhanna's Volunteer of the Year for 2005 started working for the Operation Santa Claus Program.

Paul (Farmer) Peters was chosen from eight nominees and recognized at the annual volunteer recognition luncheon May 3. There are more than 170 members of the Army Volunteer Corps who donated 10,483 hours to Army Community Services and Installation volunteer programs last year. Their gift of time represented a monetary savings of \$298,660.67.

"What a wonderful surprise, I didn't even know I was nominated for this award," said Peters, electronics mechanic, Range Threat Systems Division; Command, Control, Computer/Avionics Directorate. "I consider myself very fortunate to be able to work for this number of years. It's rewarding to help those who can't help themselves," he said.

Peters started working here in 1982 and was one of the first depot employees to become involved with OSC. Over the years he's sold candy, manned food booths, provided crowd control for the annual Christmas party and hung decorations to support the community relations program.

"Paul is also very active in his community," said Rose Gesell, OSC

committee member. He is a member of the local volunteer fire company, spending numerous hours helping with holiday parties for the children, fund raising dinners and responding to emergency calls, she added. "He is always willing to go above and beyond what he is tasked to do."

Tobyhanna volunteers are recognized each year with a luncheon ceremony featuring a guest speaker, video production spotlighting the year's accomplishments and award presentations. Volunteers received a certificate, volunteer corps pin and gift.

"This year's gift was a hand-in-heart cookie cutter," said Kate Bush, volunteer corps coordinator. In addition, the eight volunteer-of-the-year nominees also received an engraved wooden pen and box, she said.

"There are so many people who volunteer for several organizations," said Alecia Sebring, ACS Officer. She remarked that the volunteer program has experienced significant growth in recent years.

Depot employees, military members and their spouses are eligible to join the ranks of the volunteer corps. The ACS and installation programs support depot activities, federal charities, and local community organizations.

ACS volunteers are generally the spouses, children and military members supporting activities around the depot, according to Sebring. Installation volunteers work with

outside organizations such as Adopt A Highway and Day of Caring, she said.

"We have volunteers as young as 3 years old helping plant flowers on post," said Bush, adding that youth volunteers are recognized in a separate ceremony.

Bush established the youth volunteer program to get young people involved with the world around them. She's also realized that if children get involved, the parents often join as a show of support.

It's her responsibility to come up with worthwhile projects. Last year Tobyhanna youth participated in beautification projects, raised money for pediatric cancer research, and helped victims of Hurricane Katrina and the tsunami that devastated parts of southern Asia.

"I feel like you have to start with the children," Bush said. "They are our future."

Peters doesn't remember when he started volunteering, except that it was shortly after returning from a tour of duty in Vietnam. He said the sense of satisfaction he gets from helping others is indescribable.

"Somebody has to help people in this country," he said. "Everyone needs help; if no one steps up, then they have nothing."

Bush maintains a resource book listing volunteer opportunities.

She said people interested in volunteering can stop by, and "I'll hook them up with a volunteer agency."

One Stop Shop sells discounted tickets

The One Stop Shops sells tickets for amusement parks, professional sporting events and local attractions.

Golf passes to the Pocono Farms Country Club Golf Course cost \$15 each. Golfers must arrange tee times with Pocono Farms by calling 894-8441, and then present their One Stop Shop receipt to a course employee upon arrival. There are four passes available each day for purchase. The golf pass program is sponsored by the Civilian Welfare Fund.

Discounted tickets to Hershey Park, Dutch Wonderland, Halloween in Hershey and the Vanity Fair Outlet are available at the One Stop Shop and The Mack. Adult tickets cost \$30 (ages 9-54) and junior tickets cost \$21.50 (ages 3-8). Hershey Park Savings Coupons are also available at the shop.

Red Barons box seat tickets cost \$6 (\$9 at the gate) and are sold in even numbers up to 48 hours before the game. Seats are available in Section 123, Row L, one through eight. The following are special offers:

- May 27, 7 p.m., Louisville Bats. General admission tickets are \$2 and lower box seat tickets are \$4.

- June 30, 7 p.m. Pawtucket Red Sox. General admission tickets are \$2 and lower box tickets are \$4.

- July 9, 1:30 p.m. Rochester Red Wings. Designated Tobyhanna Army Depot Day. There will be an Operation Santa Claus baseball toss for charity. Fans can purchase baseballs for \$2 or 3 for \$5 before and during the game for the after-game charity ball toss. Grand prize is \$500. All other prizes are valued at \$100. Other events at the game will be Family Day and Kid's Fun Run; Zoopers' Stars appearance. General admission tickets are \$1; upper reserved tickets are \$2 and box seats are \$4.

- July 28, 7 p.m. Richmond Braves. General admission tickets are \$2; lower box seat tickets are \$4. There will be a fireworks display after the game.

- Aug. 26, 7 p.m. Buffalo Bisons. There will be a Grump Ceramic Bank Giveaway for the first 2,000 children 14 and under. General admission tickets are \$1, upper reserved tickets are \$2 and lower box seat tickets are \$4.

For more information, call the One Stop Shop, X58851.

Play Ball

Rick Shuleski, director of Resource Management, throws the first pitch to start the 2006 Noontime Softball League season. Seven teams are competing for the championship trophy, won by Power Sources last year with a record of 19-5. Power Sources defeated Engineering, who had a record of 18-5-1. Games are played behind Building 11, across from Building 1A. (Photos by Tony Medici)



An Admin player whacks one toward the PED shortstop during the first game of the Noontime Softball League season. Although Admin got some hits, they were shut out by PED, 6-0. Last year the league played more than 100 games.



Vince Sheehan, Admin, loses his hat trying to beat the throw to PED's Tom Hoover. Regular season games are held Monday through Thursday. Game times are 11:30 a.m. and noon, and are 28 minutes each. Playoffs start the Tuesday after the Labor Day holiday.

EXCELLENCE IN ELECTRONICS

AROUND
THE
DEPOT



Robert Jones, left, and Joe Rowlands lay out white wall paneling for installation in electronic shop vans. Both men are carpentry workers in the Industrial Services Division.



John Youshock, general equipment mechanic, gets ready to remove the hub so he can check the brakes on the AN/ASM-189 van. Youshock works in the Industrial Services Division.



Tom Bowditch seals the bottom seams on an electronics shop van. He is a sheet metal mechanic working in the Refinishing Services Division.



Norm Chapman, equipment cleaner, sands a van to prepare it for paint. Chapman works in the Mobile Equipment Refinishing Branch.



Billy Breig, left, and Charles Mercado remove items from a Recap van during the stripping process. The employees are sheet metal workers in the Refinishing Services Division.

WORK SMARTER, NOT HARDER

THE LEAN EFFECT


• 10 percent cut in overhaul hours.

• Shortened repair turn around time by 26 days.

• Installation of a new routing machine has cut eight hours off the production process for each butcher block counter top.

• Process consolidation has reduced product movement throughout the depot.

Editor's Note: 'Around the Depot' is a Reporter feature intended to inform readers about the important work performed by personnel throughout the depot. Each edition will focus on the key systems maintained by personnel in a specific organization.



Equipment Specs

The AN/ASM-189 Electronics Shop Vans are vehicular-transportable maintenance shops that provide mobile facilities for direct and general support bench testing, alignment, troubleshooting and repair of electronic equipment and components. In addition to providing the bench test facilities, the maintenance shops contain storage space for repair parts and components.

Joe Chmura installs device covers on the raceway in a shop van. He is an electrical worker assigned to the Electronic Services Division.



James O'Neill assembles shelves for installation into a Recap van. O'Neill is a sheet metal mechanic working in the Refinishing Services Division.



Eugene Long, sheet metal mechanic, takes measurements for a sheet metal patch being made to a damaged section of a van. Long works in the Refinishing Services Division.



Corey Long seals the seams on the roof of an AN/ASM-189 Electronics Shop Van. He is a sheet metal mechanic assigned to the Refinishing Services Division.



Paul Morgan, left, and Gary Weber install cabinets in a mobile maintenance shop. The sheet metal workers are assigned to the Refinishing Services Division.



Daniel Gebhardt, electrical worker, wires a 400-cycle direct current power distribution box. He works in the Electronic Services Division.



Thomas Hooper, electrical worker, electrically tests the van. Hooper works in the Electronic Services Division.



Robert Konan, painter, applies a coat of paint to the exterior of a shop van using a camouflage pattern. Konan works in the Mobile Equipment Refinishing Branch.



Jones cuts the white wall paneling for installation in an AN/ASM-189 Electronics Shop Van.



Mike Kisack, left, and Ed Gable test the landing gear on a van. Both men are general equipment repairers in the Tactical Equipment Support Branch.



AN/ASM-189 Electronics Shop Vans are stripped here before being transported to shops around the depot for repair, overhaul and refurbishing.



The interior of a finished Recap van.

Electrical Recapitalization Support Branch Systems Integration and Support Directorate

The branch's 34 employees evaluate, disassemble, replace and recondition parts, overhaul, modify, reassemble and test the AN/ASM-189 Electronic Shop Vans for the Army, Army Reserve and National Guard warfighters. Modifications include new direct current power supplies for testing equipment, 400 hertz capabilities, and electrical panel and signal upgrades.

Range helps U.S. personnel practice skills needed in Iraq

by Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

UDAIRI RANGE, Kuwait—Training never stops in the push to ensure U.S. Soldiers and Marines are ready for duty in Iraq.

Servicemembers polish their skills here just prior to deployment “up north.”

Earlier this week it was the Georgia National Guard’s turn in the barrel as

members of the 1st Battalion, 214th Field Artillery Regiment, practiced convoy skills and anti-improvised explosive device tactics at the range, which is set up and administered by Military Professional Resources Inc.

“We give them realistic scenarios of what they will encounter in Iraq,” said Jason Algarin, an observer/controller with MPRI.

One course is 13.5 kilometers long and

runs servicemembers through a gamut of scenarios they will likely encounter. The play is free flow and allows for many different outcomes.

“There’s no textbook right answer to these,” Algarin, a former Marine, said. “But some do better than others.”

Among things that should be second nature to servicemembers are traffic control, handling the IED threat, tactical movement to contact and dealing with civilians on the battlefield.

After the first scenarios, which dealt with control at a traffic circle and cars trying to butt into a convoy, convoy commander Army Staff Sgt. Matthew Miller said problems with radio procedures are a big problem. “Just say who you are, what you see and your reaction,” Miller told his men. “We don’t need your life history.”

The unit continued on and faced such things as car bombs and a traffic accident that blocked a road. The convoy had to wait to enter an Iraqi village. Three women pestered the troops in the convoy trying to gain information about procedures for collecting payment for losses incurred due to military action. Other “villagers” came out to see the excitement. Actors hired from Egypt play Iraqis in the training.

The convoy commander had to deal with Iraqi police to try to get around the blockage. “No, mister. This is my country,”



An operational expert from Military Professional Resources Inc., a contractor that runs Udairi Range to train U.S. forces heading into Iraq, makes a point to convoy commander Staff Sgt. Miller during live-fire exercises in the Kuwaiti desert. Miller, with the 1st Battalion, 214th Field Artillery Regiment, said he learned a lot from the training exercise.

the actor playing the policeman said. “We will move when finished.”

The unit is due to move up to Iraq in the next few days. “They are focused here,” an MPRI expert said. “But they still are thinking in the peacetime, training mode. They need to get over that.”

“Train like you fight; fight like you train,” Miller said in reminding his troops to get their head in the game before heading out on the live-fire section of the course.



As part of a training scenario at Udairi Range, Kuwait, actors playing an Iraqi policeman and drivers argue at a traffic accident while an American convoy waits to enter the village. The scenario gives a realistic look at what challenges lie ahead for the Soldiers when they move north into Iraq. (Photos by Jim Garamone)

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Adjustment Program and help communities respond to economic impacts caused by defense program changes, including BRAC. Emily Stover DeRocco of the Labor Department and James Yeager of the Commerce Department serve as co-vice chairs, and the committee comprises 22 federal agencies.

The EAC meets formally every quarter, Grone said, but its members work and coordinate EAC issues on an ongoing basis.

Previous BRAC rounds dealt largely with huge tracts of property comparable to medium-sized cities, said Patrick O’Brien, director of DoD’s Office of Economic Adjustment.

“This time around, we have a handful of locations like that, but this conference has a customer base that also has many Guard and Reserve facilities that are anywhere from a half-acre to a maybe couple of acres,” he said.

“And even though they’re smaller in size, there are

other issues that make them very significant, and very important to the community at hand.

“And then when you add the growth piece to this,” he continued, “that growth piece is going to be an enduring issue for those communities for years to come, simply because you’re talking about expanding the capacity of these communities to absorb that growth. And we are affording them the network and the opportunity to start working across themselves - what’s working, what’s not - and basically helping them establish best practices among themselves.”

O’Brien said the conference represents the first opportunity in BRAC 2005 for a forum involving state and local officials, military installations and federal agencies, and for state and local officials to address the impacts of downsizing or mission growth.

“Clearly, the ability to respond to these impacts

goes well beyond the Department of Defense. That’s why the federal agencies are here,” he said. The federal agencies, he added, have come to listen to community leaders and to understand what their needs are, and to offer financial and technical support in meeting those needs.

The federal agencies will work in partnership with state and local officials throughout the process, O’Brien said. “At the end of the day, the resources of our organization - the Office of Economic Adjustment - along with the resources of the other federal agencies, have got to be available to help these communities,” he noted.

Another key aspect of the conference is the opportunity to equip state and local leaders with an understanding of what the military is going to do so they can put it in a civilian context locally and help DoD carry on its warfighting mission, O’Brien said.



Above, the 2006 U.S. Army Soldier Show cast delivers a gospel medley of “Awesome God,” “The Best is Yet to Come” and “Sanctuary.” Left, Spc. Benjamin Piel of Yuma Proving Ground, Ariz., focuses on 1st Lt. Sonya Moore of the California Army National Guard during the show’s rendition of “Breakaway” by Kelly Clarkson. (Photos by Tim Hipps, USACFSC Public Affairs)



Soldier Show to perform

Mark your calendar for the return of The Soldier Show May 24.

This is the third year that the music and dance revue will entertain depot employees and the regional community.

There will be two performances: 2 p.m. for the depot work force and 6 p.m. for the public.

Admission is free, but tickets are required.

Tickets for family members attending both shows will be distributed through directorates and tenant activities based on the results of the employee survey.

The general public may get tickets for the 6 p.m. performance by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to:

Tobyhanna Army Depot, Public Affairs Office, ATTN: AMSEL-TY-PA, 11 Hap Arnold Blvd., Tobyhanna, PA 18466-5076.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN

Editor's Note: The Community Bulletin provides an avenue for depot and tenant employees to advertise van or car pools, and for-sale items. Money making items such as rentals and personal business will not be accepted.

Information must be submitted via e-mail to Jacqueline. Boucher@tobyhanna.army.mil, or written items can be mailed to the Public Affairs Office, mail stop 5076.

Submissions must include a name and telephone extension. Only home phone numbers will be published in the Trading Post section.

Ads will be published in four consecutive newspapers. It is the customer's responsibility to update or renew items listed in the Community Bulletin.

For more details, call Jacqueline Boucher, X58073.



VAN/CAR POOLS

- **Mountaintop, White Haven:** 1 opening, van, 7 passengers, 5/4/9, call Rich Henning, X56238.
- **Nanticoke, Sugar Notch:** 1 opening, 7 a.m.-3:30 p.m., contact John Bienick, X57646 or john.j.bienick@us.army.mil.
- **Moosic, Avoca, Meadow Avenue area:** 2 openings, van, 7 passengers, 7 a.m.-3:30 p.m. The route originates in the Greenwood section of Moosic and travels Route 307, contact Dave Pietryka, X57361/X57646 or send e-mail.
- **Snydersville:** 1 opening, van, 7 passengers, 5/4/9, meets at Snydersville Diner, call Ann Super, X58749.
- **Mount Cobb, Route 348, North Pocono area:** Starting van pool, 7 passengers, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., contact Keli Miletta, X59158, or keli.miletta@us.army.mil.
- **Tannersville:** Individual seeks van pool, 5/4/9, call Mel, X57317.
- **Wilkes Barre, Kingston, Plains, Pittston:** Openings, van pool, 7 a.m.-4:30 p.m., call Steve Marko, X57184.
- **Jim Thorpe, surrounding area:** 1 opening, van pool, 7 a.m.-4:30 p.m., call Tom, X58656.
- **Hazleton, Weatherly, Freeland, White Haven, surrounding area:** 2 openings, van, 7 passengers, third

shift, call Rob, X59065 or Steve X58658.

• **Hazleton:** Luzerne Carbon bus has an opening, 5/4/9, bus stops at Beaver Meadow, Hazleton, Drifton, Freeland and White Haven, cost is \$110 per month, call Frank Branz, X58757.

• **Dunmore, Moosic Street:** Individual seeks van or car pool, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., call Rich Sopchak, X56227 or 969-3123.

• **Taylor:** Individual seeks van pool, 6-7 passengers, 7 a.m.-4:30 p.m., call Steve Kishel, X58727.



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• **Futon/bed mattress:** Simmons Beautyrest Supreme 5/0, queen size, like new, hardly used, \$200, call Melissa Ross, 341-5133.

• **Beer Meiser:** Includes all equipment, converts into dorm-sized refrigerator, holds 1/4, still in original packing, asking \$550, call Sean Manley, 326-0143.

• **Toyota Corolla:** 1997, 4-cylinder, auto, 4-door, A/C, power locks/windows, 150,000 highway miles, new tires, inspection, 31 MPG, \$2,900 OBO, call Gloria, 876-3978.

• **Toyota Camry:** 2000 LE, excellent condition, new tires, inspection, 4-cylinder, auto, A/C, all power options, rear spoiler, 4-wheel ABS, keyless entry system, 100,000 highway miles, AM/FM/cassette/CD, extra snow tires, alloy wheels, asking \$7,900, Call Ken Hill, 350-0289.

• **House:** 4-bedroom, 2.5 baths, 4.5 acres of privacy, full basement, 2-car garage, island kitchen, JennAir stove, master bath has whirlpool tub, tons of closet space throughout, built in 2000, and hardwood, tile and carpeted floors, call Art Tompkins, 842-5366.

• **Fiberglass truck cap:** 8 feet, fits 1998 Chevy or GMC, sliding rear window, 2 locks, ARE Impulse wedge (high top), red, used 1 year, paid \$1,250, asking \$450 OBO, call Gloria, 876-3978.

• **Dog crate:** Medium-size metal crate, easy to put together, used only a short time, excellent condition, \$30; snow roof rake, \$10, call Ray, 676-0783.

• **Honda Civic DX:** 1997, 4-door, standard transmission, 149,000 miles, excellent gas mileage, Blue Book, \$3,665, asking \$2,900, call Felicia, 894-9791 after 7 p.m.

• **Yamaha Virago:** 1995, 1100cc, 17,000 miles, saddle bags, southwestern custom paint, custom pipes, windshield, running boards, great shape, \$4,500, call Brad, 595-0203.

• **Ford Escort:** 1997, 4-door, A/C, AM/FM/cassette, auto, 78,000 miles, runs great, \$2,500 OBO, call Tony, 894-2667.

• **Piano:** Henry Miller Spinnet, great condition, tuned twice a year, pecan color, upholstered bench, \$600, call 842-1220.

• **Windows:** 5, new, double-hung, perma shield, white vinyl, (3) 34x48.5 (rough opening), (2) special order, 25.5x48.5 (rough opening), cost \$780, asking \$500 firm, call Gloria, 876-3978.

• **WW2 gear:** U.S. M1 helmet with liner (dated 1952), helm net/new liner chin strap, \$125; German M-42 style helmet (Spanish Mil. redone to look like German WW2) with liner and SS camo helm cover, \$100; U.S. original khaki pistol belt, \$25; U.S. original canteen with cover and cup, \$50; U.S. repro Carlisle bandage and canvas carrier, \$17; German repro size 60cm helmet liner for size 68 shell, \$50; German repro bayonet frog, \$10; German repro entrenching tool carrier, \$45, call Wil, 778-1424.

• **Pool heater:** Hayward, propane, for above ground pools up to 27-foot round, Model #H150, 150,000 Btus, hoses and connections, used one season, cost \$1,000, asking \$650, call Darlene, 894-4912.

• **Dodge Spirit:** 1994, 4-door sedan, white, 3.0 litre, V-6, 119,700 miles, 20 miles per gallon, rebuilt transmission (3 years old), repainted 2 1/2 years ago, some rust on bottom of door, P/S, P/B, A/C, C/C, interior in good shape, needs tires, \$1,500 firm, call Amico, 655-8620.

• **Baby items:** Kolcraft Cuddle 'N Care Rocking Bassinet, like new, has mobile, soothing vibrations, soft glow light, sound machine that plays 8 classical songs and 4 nature sounds, 3-tier canopy, paid \$95, asking \$65; diaper genie, \$5; Graco Pack 'N Play, \$25; lots of boys clothes (pajamas, outfits, shoes, coats, hats), 0-3 months, asking

NEW SUPERVISOR

John Ross is the electronic integrated systems mechanic supervisor, Air Traffic Control Division; Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Directorate.

As chief, he supervises 35 people who overhaul and repair the AN/MPN-14K, AN/TSQ-71B radar systems; AN/PPS-5 personnel radar systems; and AN/PSS-12 and AN/PSS-14 mine detectors and battlefield sensor systems.

Prior to his current position, Ross was an electronic mechanic supervisor in the Avionics Division; Command, Control and Computer/Avionics Directorate. He began his career at Tobyhanna in July 1974.

Ross served two years in the Marine Corps at Camp Lejeune, N.C., and Okinawa, Japan. He also participated on a four-month military exercise that took him to Hong



Ross

Kong, Taiwan and the Philippines. He earned the Good Conduct Medal and Sharp Shooter Badge.

Ross is a 1972 graduate of Ben Franklin High School in Carbondale.

He resides in Jermyn with his wife, Jane. They are the parents of Jennifer and John James; and grandparents of Kevin James.

Ross is a member of the District 17 Little League staff and attends the First United Methodist Church in Jermyn. In addition, he has filled leadership positions on the following Tobyhanna committees: Day of Caring, Employees Appreciation Day and Combined Federal Campaign.

His hobbies include camping, working on computers, watching the New York Yankees, and spending time with friends, family and his grandson.

WELCOME TO THE DEPOT

Name	Title	Organization
Frantz Alteus	Electronics mechanic	D/ISR
Richard Bekanich	Electronics engineer	D/PED
Louis Dang	Electronics engineer	D/PED
Stacey Eshelman	Secretary	D/PED
Mark Gallo	Electronics equip specialist	D/C-3/Avionics
Shawn Iriarte	Electronics equip specialist	D/C-3/Avionics
William Kramer	Distribution process worker leader	DDTP
Angel Moncada	Electronics equip specialist	D/C-3/Avionics
John Ondrusek	Electronics mechanic	D/ISR
Coung Van Rife	Electronics equip specialist	D/C-3/Avionics
Raymond Rowe	Electronics engineer	D/PII
Eric Smith	Electronics equip specialist	D/C-3/Avionics
John Wettstein	Tools and parts attendant	D/PM

RETIREES

One employee met with depot commander Col. Tracy Ellis April 28 before retiring.

Robert Hayes was a management and program analyst, Operations Management and Analysis Division, Production Management Directorate.

He served 20 years in the Army before starting work at Tobyhanna in 1992.



Hayes

Hayes resides in Tobyhanna with his wife, Paula. They are the parents of Angelica, Le-Tanya, Robert, Isaac and Michael. They are grandparents to six children: Aericle, Nadia, Trinity, Shan, Brandon and Brajaan.

He plans to leave Tobyhanna after retirement. Hayes' hobbies include collecting patches and quilting.

Reporter on depot Web site

The *Tobyhanna Reporter* will be posted to the depot's Internet site, www.tobyhanna.army.mil, click on the About link, click News, then *Tobyhanna Reporter*.

Adding to the American mosaic

by **Special Agent Joseph LaVille**
Office of Special Investigations
Detachment Commander

INCIRLIK AIR BASE, Turkey
— An area studies professor asked our class to describe the “Asian-Pacific culture.”

As we tried, we had to account for the largest landmass and ocean area in the world. We also had to keep in mind individuals from nearly 30 different countries and countless islands, each with a unique historical and cultural heritage.

Some used descriptions such as family-centric, studious, hardworking, money-saving and mainly Oriental. However, the more we discussed, the more we realized that it is an amazingly large area with great diversity.

So, how is it possible to write a short article about a very diverse group in recognition of Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month?

Let’s start with the official celebration of Asian-Pacific American heritage. It began in 1978, but was celebrated for only

one week in May. The Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month was enacted by Public Law on Oct. 28, 1992. The purpose was to honor the achievements of Asian-Pacific Americans and to recognize their contributions.

The month of May was selected for this recognition because two significant events in history took place in that month: Japanese immigrants first arrived in the U.S. on May 7, 1843, and the transcontinental railroad was completed on May 10, 1869 (Golden Spike Day) by a majority of Chinese immigrants.

Asian-Pacific Americans have added to the American mosaic. The Chinese were the first Asians to arrive in large numbers in the 1800s, with a boom during the California gold rush.

Another large group was the Japanese, but mainly in Hawaii and California.

At the beginning of the 1900s, Filipinos began to immigrate in significant numbers after the Philippines came under U.S. control following the Spanish-

American War.

Asian-Pacific immigration continues from just about every country. Today, there are more than 13 million Americans who claim their heritage to be Asian-Pacific.

Asian-Pacific people have even influenced our military development. There are few students of military strategy who have not studied the Chinese teachings of Sun Tsu or read the book “Art of War.” About 3 percent of our Air Force lists their heritage as Asian-Pacific.

A memorable event occurred in May 1987 for an Air Force Asian-Pacific American -- Hoang Nhu Tran, a former refugee. He graduated as valedictorian of the U.S. Air Force Academy in a class of 950 students. He was also a Rhodes Scholar and Time Magazine’s recipient of the 1986 College Achievement Award.

One article cannot cover all the aspects of a diverse group like the Asian-Pacific Americans. The month of May is your chance to learn about their heritage.

Asian Pacific Heritage Month crossword puzzle contest

In honor of Asian Pacific Heritage Month, the Equal Employment Office is sponsoring a contest to highlight famous Asian Pacific Americans. The deadline to submit answers is May 30.

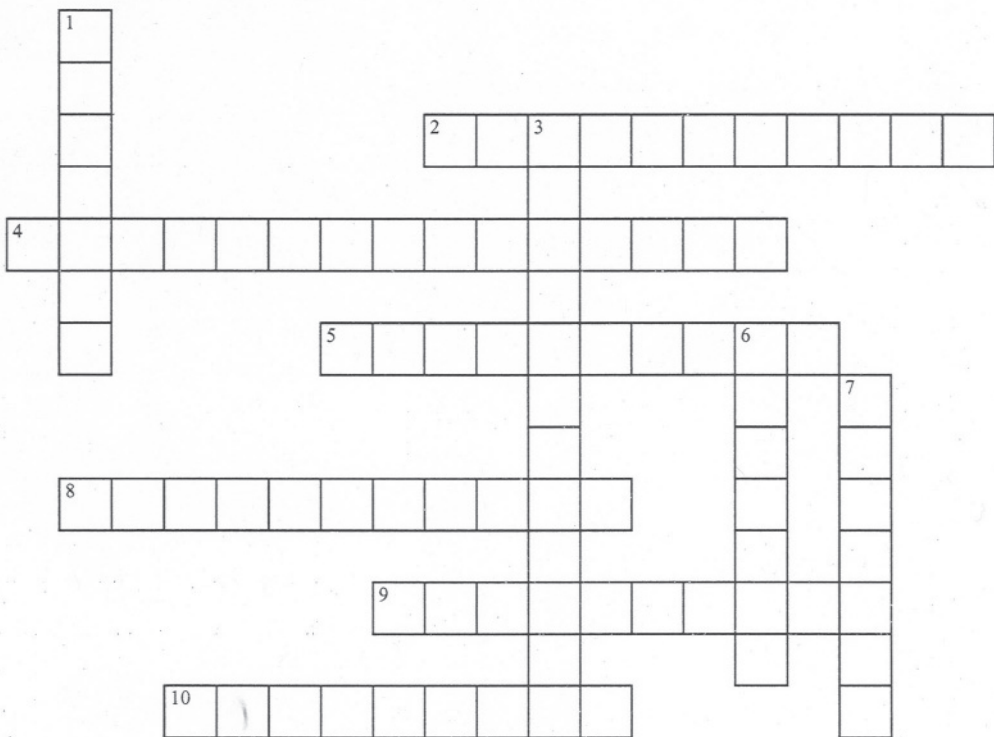
Five winners will be selected to receive one of the following items:

One winner—Four box seats to any Red Barons baseball game.

Two winners—\$10 Post Restaurant bucks that can be used at any facility

Two winners—\$10 gift certificate to the One Stop Shop

Responses can be delivered to the EEO office, Box 5038, Bldg. 1C, Bay 1. Participants must include their name, organization, telephone number and cost center.

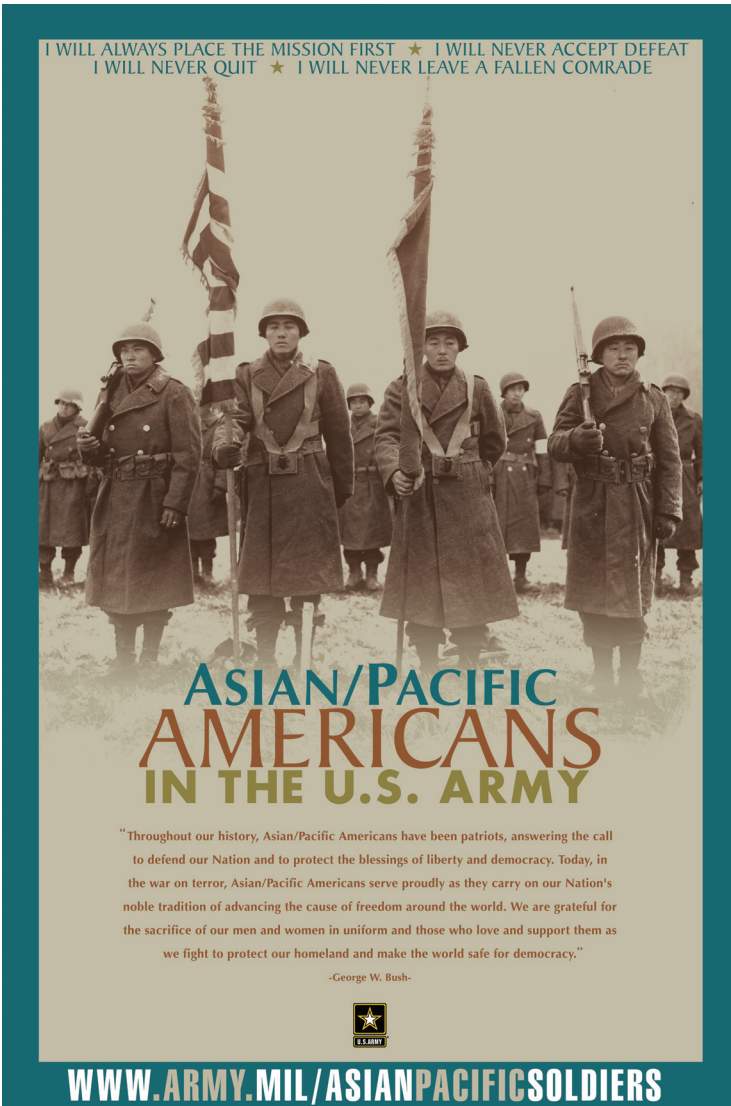


Across

- 2 “Ellis Island of the West”
- 4 First Asian American sitcom
- 5 Famous golfer
- 8 Played Mr. Sulu on Star Trek
- 9 First woman appointed to the presidential cabinet
- 10 First Chinese-American governor in the U.S.

Down

- 1 Charlie’s Angels actress
- 3 Shinseki/Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army
- 6 Time magazine’s AIDS research winner
- 7 Married a famous rock icon in 1969



During Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month, we honor and celebrate the millions of Asian/Pacific Americans whose contributions have helped make America a strong, vibrant, and free society.

Asian/Pacific Americans represent many nations and ethnicities, each with its own culture, heritage, language, and experience. Across our country, this diverse group of people has excelled in all walks of life. Their talent and hard work have added to the success and prosperity of our Nation and helped make America a leader in the world. They have helped shape America’s character and identity through their strong

the
White House
President George W. Bush



values, love of family, and commitment to community. America is especially grateful to the many Asian/Pacific

Americans who have courageously answered the call to defend freedom as members of our Armed Forces. The sacrifices of these brave men and women help preserve the ideals of our country’s founding and make the world a safer place.

To honor the achievements and contributions of Asian/Pacific Americans, the Congress, by Public Law 102-450 as amended, has designated the month of May each year as “Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month.”

Now, therefore, I George W. Bush, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim May 2006 as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month. I call upon the people of the United States to learn more about the history of Asian/Pacific Americans and their role in our national story and to observe this month with appropriate programs and activities.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-eighth day of April, in the year of our Lord two thousand six, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirtieth.